IN RE: PETITION FOR ZONING VARIANCE * NWC Park Drive & Wycliff Rd. * ZONING COMMISSIONER 7408 Park Drive OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 9th Election District 6th Councilmanic District Stephen C. McElroy, et ux * Case Nos. 94-212-A Petitioners

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Variance for the property located at 7408 Park Drive in the Harford Park subdivision of Baltimore County. The Petition is filed by Stephen C. McElroy and Donna K. McElroy, property owners. The Petitioners seek relief from Sections 400.1, 400.3 and 102.5 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow an accessory structure (detached garage) to be located on a corner lot in the middle one-third of the rear yard and with a height of 24 ft., in lieu of the required one-third of the rear yard farthest removed from the side street and minimum 15 ft. height requirement. Also requested is relief to allow a fence with a height of 42 inches on a corner lot within 25 ft. of the point of intersection of two streets, in lieu of the required 36 inches. The relief requested is more particularly shown on the site plan marked as Petitioners' Exhibit No. 1.

Appearing at the public hearing for this case was one of the Petitioners, Stephen C. McElroy. There were no interested persons or Protestants present.

Uncontradicted testimony and evidence offered is that the subject site is approximately .18 acres in area and is zoned D.R.5.5. This is a corner lot located adjacent to the intersection of Park Drive and Wycliff Road. The property is improved by a two story framed dwelling which

fronts Park Drive. To the rear, there apparently existed a detached single car garage. This old garage was 18 ft. x 18 ft. in size and was accessed to the property by a dirt driveway from Wycliff Road. The garage was located in the center rear portion of the lot immediately behind the

Mr. McElrov testified that the garage was recently destroyed by fire and he decided to build a replacement. The garage is necessary to store his automobiles and household storage. The proposed garage will be a two car garage and will contain a second floor. The proposed dimensions are 24 ft. wide by 24 ft. deep. The height will also be 24 ft. Apparently, Mr. McElroy came to Baltimore County with his plans in the latter portion of 1991. Although he correctly stated the proposed dimensions and location of the garage, his permit was incorrectly approved by a representative of the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM). It was only later discovered that the proposed variances are

Mr. McElroy testified that, in reliance of the permit, he has built much of the garage. He believes that conforming to the regulations would constitute a practical difficulty, particularly since this garage replaces an earlier structure. Although acknowledging that the new garage is slightly larger, he points out that it is located within the original footprint and is not appreciably larger.

As to the fence, Mr. McElroy testified that the location of same does not interfere with the sight distance for traffic on either Wycliff Rd. or Park Drive. It is located so as to not interfere with traffic on either of those streets. He also noted that only the post portion of the fence exceeds 36 inches in height. That is, the fence is designed with posts

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that reach a height of 42 inches. In between each post are a series of pickets which are approximately 36 inches in height. Thus, Mr. McElroy argues that much of the fence complies with the height limitation.

An area variance may be granted where strict application of the zoning regulations would cause practical difficulty to the Petitioner and his property. McLean v. Soley, 270 Md. 208 (1973). To prove practical difficulty for an area variance, the Petitioner must meet the following:

> whether strict compliance with requirement would unreasonably prevent the use of the property for a permitted purpose or render conformance unnecessarily burdensome;

> 2) whether the grant would do substantial injustice to applicant as well as other property owners in the district or whether a lesser relaxation than that applied for would give substantial relief; and

> whether relief can be granted in such fashion that the spirit of the ordinance will be observed and public safety and welfare secured.

Anderson v. Bd. of Appeals, Town of Chesapeake Beach, 22 Md. App. 28 (1974).

It is clear from the testimony that if the variances are granted, such use, as proposed, will not be contrary to the spirit of the B.C.Z.R. and will not result in any injury to the public good.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that a practical difficulty or unreasonable hardship will result if the variances are not granted. It has been established that special circumstances or conditions exist that are peculiar to the land or structure which is the subject of the variances requested, and that the requirements from which the Petitioners seek relief will unduly restrict the use of the land due to the special conditions unique to this particular par-

cel. In addition, the variance requested will not cause any injury to the public health, safety and general welfare. Further, granting of the variances will be in strict harmony with the spirit and intent of the B.C.Z.R.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons given above, the relief requested should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Beltimore County this 12 day of January, 1994 that a variance from Sections 400.1, 400.3 and 102.5 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (B.C.Z.R.) to allow an accessory structure (detached garage) to be located on a corner lot in the middle one-third of the rear yard and with a height of 24 ft., in lieu of the required one-third of the rear yard farthest removed from the side street and minimum 15 ft. height requirement, be and is hereby GRANTED: and.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a variance to allow a fence with a height of 42 inches on a corner lot within 25 ft. of the point of intersection of two streets, in lieu of the required 36 inches, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject, however, to the following restrictions which are conditions precedent to the relief granted herein:

> 1. The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30 day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the Petitioners would be required to return, and be responsible for returning, said property to its original condition.

2. The Petitioners shall not allow or cause the accessory structure to be converted to a second dwelling unit and/or apartment. The garage shall contain no living or sleeping quarters, and no kitchen or bathroom facilities.

3. There shall be no service garage work performed within the structure or on the subject property at any time.

4. When applying for a building permit, the site plan filed must reference this case and set forth and address the restrictions of this Order.

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 113 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

January 11, 1994

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. McElroy 7408 Park Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21234

> RE: Case No. 94-212-A Petition for Variance 7408 Park Drive

Stephen C. McElroy, et ux, Petitioners

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McElroy:

Enclosed pleaso find the decision rendered in the above captioned case. The Petition for Zoning Variance has been granted, in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event the decision rendered is unfavorable to any party, please be advised that any party may file an appeal within thirty (30) days of the date of the Order to the County Board of Appeals. If you require additional information concerning filing an appeal, please feel free to contact our Appeals Clerk at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence E. Schmidt Zoning Commissioner

Petition for Variance to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County for the property located at 7408 Park DR.

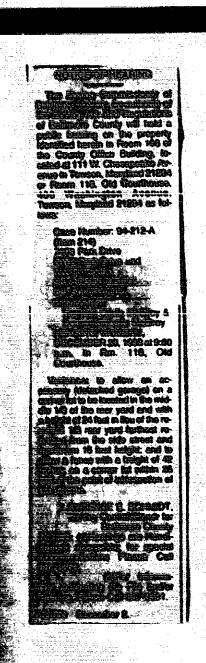
Oct 212 D which is presently sensed DR-5.5 This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached The undersigned, legal owner(s) or the property enuses in Gallion Section(s) hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Variance from Section(s) 400.1, 400.3, 102.5 To allow an accessory (detached garage) on a corner lot to be located in the middle 1/3 of rear yard and with a height of 24 feet in lieu of the required 1/3 rear yard farthest removed from the side street and maximum 15 feet height and to allow a fence with Printing Regulations Of Bullinting Country to the York that the State of Country to Balance of Structure was in rear 12 of Corner Lat 1) Hely Mr of structure exceeding 15' The above mentioned were reviewed and approved by Zoning on two different Occasions, the structure is a garage and is already up a second floor started @ Height of Cence on corner above 36" Again I was not told when I asked about height, my serve will be 42" at post Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zonfrig Regulations. I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Variance advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. (We do sciemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that thee are the legal cornerts) of the property which is the subject of this Petition Stephen Curtis McElroy Stadon Curtis neper 7408 PARK OF GOSTRON 550 0219 Type or Print Name) Address Phone No.

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR . 7408 PARK BY Election District 9 (address)
Councilmanic District Beginning at a point on the Nurthwest side of PARKOr (north, south, east or west) (street on which property fronts) which is 50 (number of feet of right-of way width) centerline of the nearest improved intersecting street Wycliffe which is ______ wide. *Being Lot # / 12, +3. Block 16 , Section # A in the subdivision of Harford Park (name of subdivision) as recorded in Baltimore County Plat Book # WPC#5, Folio # 62 7 800 SuCt.
(square feet and acres)

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

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CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ____ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on 12/2, 1993

THE JEFFERSONIAN

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

December 10, 1993

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen C. McElroy 7408 Park Drive Baltimore, Maryland 21234

> RE: Case No. 94-212-A, Item No. 214 Petitioner: Stephen C. McElroy, et ux Petition for Variance

Dear Mr. and Mrs. McElroy:

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee (ZAC) has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The attached comments from each reviewing agency are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties, i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney and/or the petitioner, are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case.

Enclosed are all comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition. If additional comments are received from other members of ZAC, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on November 19, 1993, and a hearing was scheduled accordingly.

The following comments are related only to the filing of future zoning petitions and are aimed at expediting the petition filing process

1. The director of Zoning Administration and Development Management has instituted a system whereby seasoned zoning attorneys who feel that they are capable of filing petitions that comply with all aspects of the zoning regulations and petitions filing requirements can file their petitions with this office without the necessity of a preliminary review by zoning personnel.

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM **Cobert W. Bowling, Senior Engineer** Development Plan Review Section

for December 6, 1993

Item No. 214

RWB:8

interfere with the line of sight.

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: December 3, 1993

The Development Plan Review Section has reviewed

the subject zoning item. The proposed fence should not

Zoning Administration and Development Management

Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration

> 11-24-93 BACTIMORE CO.

Item No.: \$ 214 (JJS)

O. James Lighthizer

Secretary

Hal Kassoff

Administrator

(Revised 04/09/93)

Ms. Charlotte Minton Zoning Administration and Development Management County Office Building Room 109 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

Dear Ms. Minton:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not effected by any State Highway Administration project.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

DAVID N. RAMSEY, ACTIVE CHIEF
John Contestabile, Chief Engineering Access Permits

My telephone number is Maryland Relay Service for Impaired Hearing or Speech 1-800-735-2258 Statewide Toll Free Mailing Address: P.O. Box 717 • Baltimore, MD 21203-0717 Street Address: 707 North Calvert Street • Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property

a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and

advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for

1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the

2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper.

NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

newspaper of general circulation in the County.

the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

Item No.: 214

PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO:

ADDRESS: 7408 PARK DY

PHONE NUMBER: 665 480A

NAME: Stephen & Donna McErry

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which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

111 West Chesapeake Avenue ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES Towson, MD 21204 Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to

(410) 887-3353

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Requisitors of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Townen, Maryland 21204

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration

and Development Management

Room'[138, Old Courthoune, 400 Washington Avenue, Tommon, Maryland 2)204 as follows: CASE MIMBER: 94-212-A (Item 214) 7408 Park Drive NWC Park Drive and Wycliff Road 9th Election District - 6th Councilmanic i Petitioner(s): Stephen Curtis McElroy and Comma Kimberly McElroy

HEARING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1993 at 9:00 a.m. in Rm. 118, Gld Courthrame

Variance to allow an accessory (detached garage) on a corner lot to be located in the middle 1/3 of the rear yard and with a height of 24 feet in lieu of the required 1/3 rear yard farthest reserved from the side street and maximum 15 feet height; and to allow a fence with a height of 42 inches on a corner lot within 25 feet of the point of intersection of two streets.

cc: Stephen and Donna McElroy

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NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

Baltimore County Government Department of Permits and Licenses



(410) 887-3610

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, MD 21204 Arnold Jablon

Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204

ZONING AGENDA: MEETING OF NOVEMBER 29, 1993

Property Owner: Jerome A. Siegel, et al Location: #6500 Block Baltimore National Pike -- Fike Park Plaza Item No.: +210 (JCM) Comment: 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of

Property Owner: Round Hollow Limited Partnership Location: #1015 York Road

Item No.: +215 (JJS) Comment: 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of

Property Owner: Giles Building and Development Company Location: #6918 Ridge Road - Fuller Medical Center Item No.: +216 (MJK)

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Property Owner: Frost Brothers Development Corporation Location: #5 Russell Frost Court Item No.: 217 (JRF)

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Property Owner: Manor Farm Homes, Inc. Location: #8 Clarion Court Item No.: 206 (JRF)

Comment: 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Property Owner: Arthur Smith & Arlene Smith Location: #950 Seneca park Road Item No.: 207 (MJK)

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Comment: 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Property Owner: Neal Jacobs and Constance Lynn Jacobs Location: #11222 & #11224 Ridgeway Avenue South

Item No.: 208 & 209 (MJK)

Comment: 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Froperty Owner: Terry A. Greenwood and Joan Greenwood Location: #4020 North Point Road

Item No.: +211 (JJS1)
Comments: 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Property Owner: Sophia Gertrude Sauerbrey & Norris Fridinger,
Personal Representative

Location: Beldale Courts Item No.: +212 (WCR)

Comments: 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Property Owner: Richard Borschuk Location: #3317 Whitesway Road

Item No.: *213 (JLL)
Comments: 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Property Owner: Stephen Curtis McElroy & Donna Kimberly McElroy

Location: #7408 Park Drive
Item No.: 214 (JJS)
Comments: 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments at this time.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

Fire Prevention Bureau
Lieutenant Robert Sauerwald, 887-4880

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management

DATE: December 6, 1993

FROM: Pat Keller, Deputy Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee



The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item Nos. 211, 214, 218 and 220.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

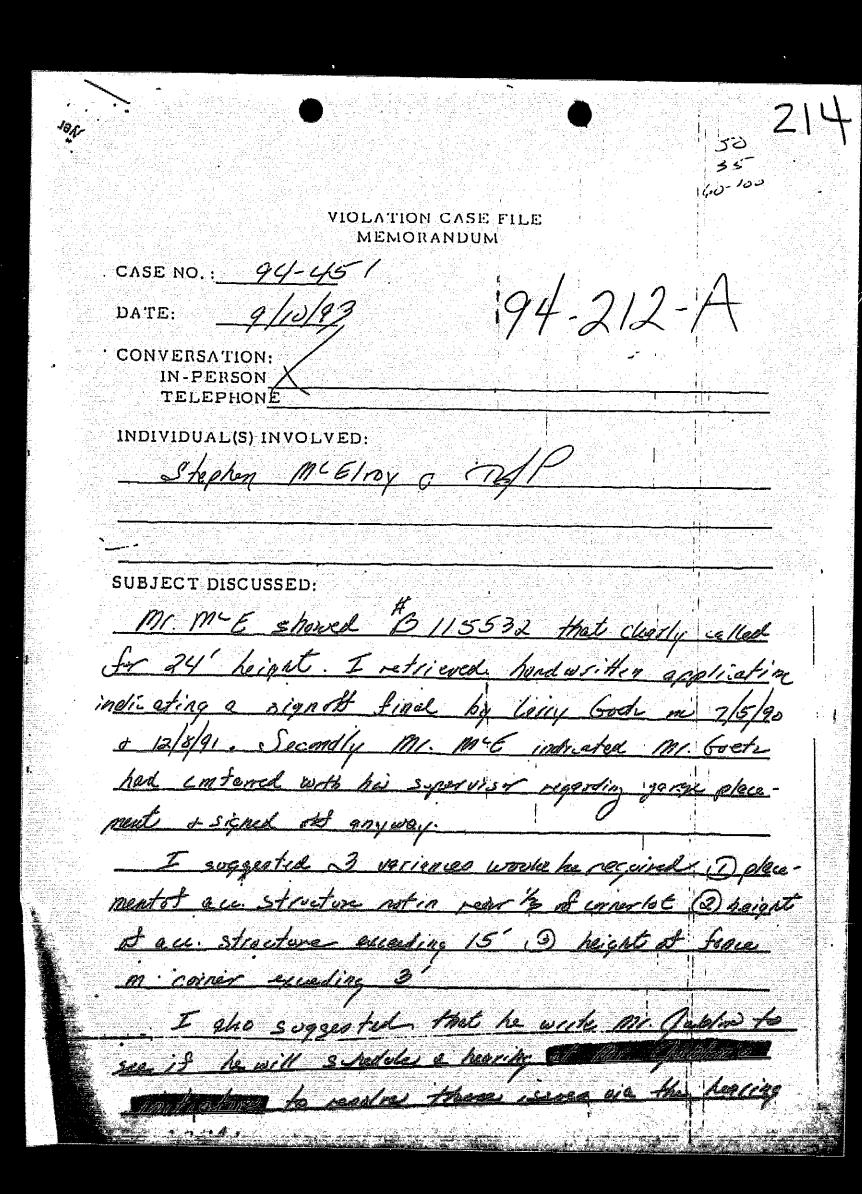
Prepared by: Jeffyy W. Jong

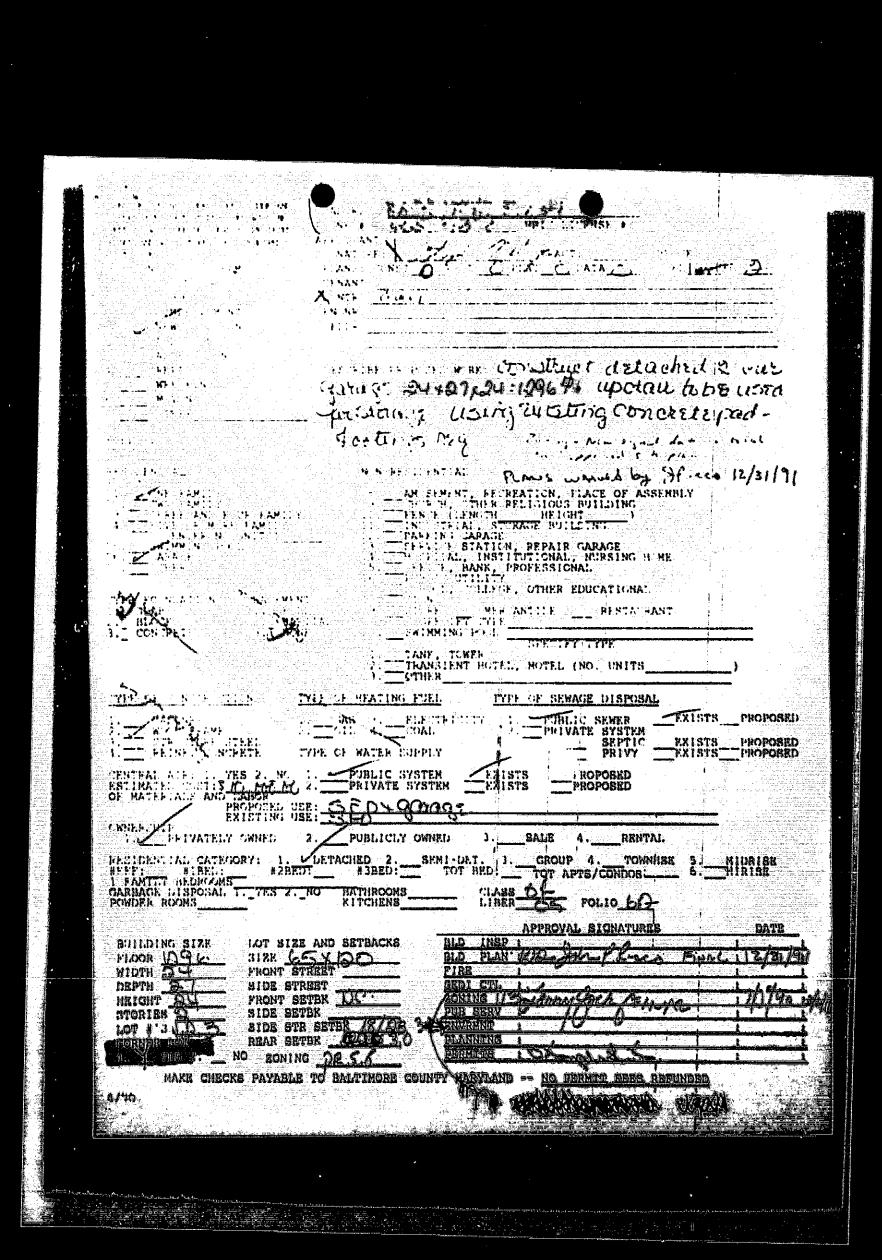
Division Chief: Caryl Lerns

PK/JL:lw

ZAC.214/PZONE/ZAC1

INTER-OFFICE COUNTY, NARYLAND INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE TO: Suning Commissioner/ Dobly Zoning Commissioner PROM: John J. Sullivan, Jr. Planner II SURJECT: Heattroy Variance Settion Fees These No.: 214 This patities involves an existing garden, the placement and Seguintions in violation of the Selicoper County Zoning Seguintions in Secure County Zoning Seguintions in Secure Copy attached). Per Don Second Secure Copy Stock of Society Soci





BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

This petition involves an existing garage, the placement and

height of which are in violation of the Baltimore County Zoning

Regulations. However, a building permit number, B-115532, was

erroneously issued for same (copy attached). Per Don Rascoe, the (2)

DATE: November 18, 1993

Zoning Commissioner/

SUBJECT: McElroy Variance Petition Fees

Item No.: 214

\$50.00 fees can be waived.

c: Donald T. Rascoe

Timothy Fitts

Deputy Zoning Commissioner

94-212-A

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